

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

1-83. (Canceled)

84. (Currently amended) A method for allowing a user of an interactive media guide to access media provided by a plurality of media sources, the method comprising:

providing one or more media group options, wherein the media group options indicate media available to the user without indicating any of the content of the media, without indicating the title of the media, [[or]] and without indicating the source of the media;

providing a plurality of media indicators in response to the user selecting a media group option, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media group option, wherein the plurality of media indicators identify media provided by at least one of the plurality of media sources, wherein the plurality of media indicators includes a first media indicator for scheduled media and a second media indicator for unscheduled media, and wherein unscheduled media includes media that is not provided at a scheduled time and is available for viewing at a time selected by the user; and

performing an action associated with a media indicator in response to the user selecting a media indicator from the plurality of media indicators.

85. (Previously presented) The method of claim 84, wherein the action comprises providing media that

is identified by the selected media indicator in response to the user selecting the media indicator.

86. (Previously presented) The method of claim 84, further comprising indicating the number of presently available media that are associated with a media group option.

87. (Previously presented) The method of claim 84, wherein the media group options are defined by the user.

88. (Previously presented) The method of claim 87, wherein the user-defined media group options comprise media indicators that meet user-defined criteria.

89. (Previously presented) The method of claim 88, wherein the user-defined criteria is a user-defined search.

90. (Previously presented) The method of claim 84, wherein the plurality of media group options comprise at least one of a recent favorites media group option, an old favorites media group option, a recommendations media group option, a browsing media group option, a special interest media group option, a categories media group option, or a preview scan media group option.

91. (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, further comprising:

providing media indicators that are editorially recommended in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

92. (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, further comprising:

providing promotional media indicators in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

93. (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, wherein the plurality of media indicators are associated with the browsing media group option and are presented in response to the user selecting the browsing media group option, the method further comprising:

displaying in a video window video content corresponding to the selected media indicator associated with the browsing media group option in response to the user selecting a media indicator associated with the browsing media group option.

94. (Previously presented) The method of claim 93, wherein the video content is currently available media content.

95. (Previously presented) The method of claim 93, wherein the video content is a video clip.

96. (Previously presented) The method of claim 93, wherein the video content is a video trailer.

97. (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, further comprising:

displaying a plurality of media sub-group options associated with the categories media group option in response to the user selecting the categories media group option; and

displaying the plurality of media indicators in response to the user selecting a media sub-group option, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media sub-group option.

98. (Previously presented) The method of claim 97, further comprising:

indicating the number of media indicators that are associated with each of the plurality of media sub-group options.

99. (Previously presented) The method of claim 97, wherein the media sub-group options comprise a sports sub-group option, a popular shows sub-group option, a premiers sub-group option, and a group sub-group option.

100. (Previously presented) The method of claim 90, further comprising:

displaying the plurality of media indicators in response to the user selecting the preview scan media group option, wherein the plurality of media indicators are associated with the preview scan media group option; and

displaying in a video window video content corresponding to a selected media indicator in response to the user selecting a media indicator associated with the preview scan media group option.

101. (Previously presented) The method of claim 84, wherein performing an action comprises obtaining media from a local file server, a remote file server, a pre-recorded videotape, a television station or an audio station.

102. (Previously presented) The method of claim 84, wherein one or more media sub-group options are provided for each media group option.

103. (Previously presented) The method of claim 102, wherein each media sub-group option indicates the number of available media indicators that are associated with each media sub-group option.

104. (Previously presented) The method of claim 102, wherein the plurality of media sub-group options indicate presently available media by indicating the content, title, or source of the media.

105. (Previously presented) The method of claim 102, further comprising:

displaying the media indicators in response to the user selecting a media sub-group option, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media sub-group option.

106. (Previously presented) The method of claim 102, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed according to user preferences.

107. (Previously presented) The method of claim 102, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed according to criteria defined by a remote service.

108. (Previously presented) The method of claim 102, wherein the media sub-group options are created dynamically.

109. (Currently amended) An interactive media guide system for allowing a user to access media provided by a plurality of media sources, the system comprising:

means for providing one or more media group options, wherein the media group options indicate media available to the user without indicating ~~any of~~ the content of the media, without indicating the title of the media, [[or]] and without indicating the source of the media;

means for providing a plurality of media indicators in response to the user selecting a media group option, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media group option, wherein the plurality of media indicators identify media provided by at least one of the plurality of media sources, wherein the plurality of media indicators includes a first media indicator for scheduled media and a second media indicator for unscheduled media, and wherein unscheduled media includes media that is not provided at a scheduled time and is available for viewing at a time selected by the user; and

means for performing an action associated with a media indicator in response to the user selecting a media indicator from the plurality of media indicators.

110. (Previously presented) The system of claim 109, wherein the action comprises providing media that is identified by the selected media indicator in response to the user selecting the media indicator.

111. (Previously presented) The system of claim 109, further comprising indicating the number of presently available media that are associated with a media group option.

112. (Previously presented) The system of claim 109, wherein the media group options are defined by the user.

113. (Previously presented) The system of claim 112, wherein the user-defined media group options comprise media indicators that meet user-defined criteria.

114. (Previously presented) The system of claim 113, wherein the user-defined criteria is a user-defined search.

115. (Previously presented) The system of claim 109, wherein the plurality of media group options comprise at least one of a recent favorites media group option, an old favorites media group option, a recommendations media group option, a browsing media group option, a special interest media group option, a categories media group option, or a preview scan media group option.

116. (Previously presented) The system of claim 115, further comprising:

means for providing media indicators that are editorially recommended in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

117. (Previously presented) The system of claim 115, further comprising:

means for providing promotional media indicators in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

118. (Previously presented) The system of claim 115, wherein the plurality of media indicators are associated with the browsing media group option and are presented in response to the user selecting the browsing media group option, the system further comprising:

means for displaying in a video window video content corresponding to the selected media indicator associated with the browsing media group option in response to the user selecting a media indicator associated with the browsing media group option.

119. (Previously presented) The system of claim 118, wherein the video content is currently available media content.

120. (Previously presented) The system of claim 118, wherein the video content is a video clip.

121. (Previously presented) The system of claim 118, wherein the video content is a video trailer.

122. (Previously presented) The system of claim 115, further comprising:

means for displaying a plurality of media sub-group options associated with the categories media group option in response to the user selecting the categories media group option; and

means for displaying the plurality of media indicators in response to the user selecting a media sub-group option, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media sub-group option.

123. (Previously presented) The system of claim 122, further comprising:

means for indicating the number of media indicators that are associated with each of the plurality of media sub-group options.

124. (Previously presented) The system of claim 122, wherein the media sub-group options comprise a sports sub-group option, a popular shows sub-group option, a premiers sub-group option, and a group sub-group option.

125. (Previously presented) The system of claim 115, further comprising:

means for displaying the plurality of media indicators in response to the user selecting the preview scan media group option, wherein the plurality of media indicators are associated with the preview scan media group option; and

means for displaying in a video window video content corresponding to a selected media indicator in

response to the user selecting a media indicator associated with the preview scan media group option.

126. (Previously presented) The system of claim 109, wherein performing an action comprises obtaining media from a local file server, a remote file server, a pre-recorded videotape, a television station or an audio station.

127. (Previously presented) The system of claim 109, wherein one or more media sub-group options are provided for each media group option.

128. (Previously presented) The system of claim 127, wherein each media sub-group option indicates the number of available media indicators that are associated with each media sub-group option.

129. (Previously presented) The system of claim 127, wherein the plurality of media sub-group options indicate presently available media by indicating the content, title, or source of the media.

130. (Previously presented) The system of claim 127, further comprising:

means for displaying the media indicators in response to the user selecting a media sub-group option, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media sub-group option.

131. (Previously presented) The system of claim 127, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed according to user preferences.

132. (Previously presented) The system of claim 127, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed according to criteria defined by a remote service.

133. (Previously presented) The system of claim 127, wherein the media sub-group options are created dynamically.

134. (Currently amended) An interactive media guide system for allowing a user to access media provided by a plurality of media sources, the system comprising:

user equipment on which the interactive media guide is at least partially implemented, wherein the user equipment is configured to:

provide one or more media group options, wherein the media group options indicate media available to the user without indicating any of the content of the media, without indicating the title of the media, [[or]] and without indicating the source of the media;

provide a plurality of media indicators in response to the user selecting a media group option, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media group option, wherein the plurality of media indicators identify media provided by at least one of the plurality of media sources, wherein the plurality of media indicators includes a first media indicator for scheduled media and a second media indicator for unscheduled media,

and wherein unscheduled media includes media that is not provided at a scheduled time and is available for viewing at a time selected by the user; and

perform an action associated with a media indicator in response to the user selecting a media indicator from the plurality of media indicators.

135. (Previously presented) The system of claim 134, wherein the action comprises providing media that is identified by the selected media indicator in response to the user selecting the media indicator.

136. (Previously presented) The system of claim 134, wherein the user equipment is further configured to indicate the number of presently available media that are associated with a media group option.

137. (Previously presented) The system of claim 134, wherein the media group options are defined by the user.

138. (Previously presented) The system of claim 137, wherein the user-defined media group options comprise media indicators that meet user-defined criteria.

139. (Previously presented) The system of claim 138, wherein the user-defined criteria is a user-defined search.

140. (Previously presented) The system of claim 134, wherein the plurality of media group options comprise at least one of a recent favorites media group

option, an old favorites media group option, a recommendations media group option, a browsing media group option, a special interest media group option, a categories media group option, or a preview scan media group option.

141. (Previously presented) The system of claim 140, wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide media indicators that are editorially recommended in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

142. (Previously presented) The system of claim 140, wherein the user equipment is further configured to provide promotional media indicators in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

143. (Previously presented) The system of claim 140, wherein the plurality of media indicators are associated with the browsing media group option and are presented in response to the user selecting the browsing media group option, and wherein the user equipment is further configured display in a video window video content corresponding to the selected media indicator associated with the browsing media group option in response to the user selecting a media indicator associated with the browsing media group option.

144. (Previously presented) The system of claim 143, wherein the video content is currently available media content.

145. (Previously presented) The system of claim 143, wherein the video content is a video clip.

146. (Previously presented) The system of claim 143, wherein the video content is a video trailer.

147. (Previously presented) The system of claim 140, wherein the user equipment is further configured to display a plurality of media sub-group options associated with the categories media group option in response to the user selecting the categories media group option, and wherein the user equipment is further configured to display the plurality of media indicators in response to the user selecting a media sub-group option, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media sub-group option.

148. (Previously presented) The system of claim 147, wherein the user equipment is further configured to indicate the number of media indicators that are associated with each of the plurality of media sub-group options.

149. (Previously presented) The system of claim 147, wherein the media sub-group options comprise a sports sub-group option, a popular shows sub-group option, a premiers sub-group option, and a group sub-group option.

150. (Previously presented) The system of claim 140, wherein the user equipment is further configured to display the plurality of media indicators in response to the user selecting the preview scan media group option, wherein the plurality of media indicators are associated

with the preview scan media group option, and wherein the user equipment is further configured

to display in a video window video content corresponding to a selected media indicator in response to the user selecting a media indicator associated with the preview scan media group option.

151. (Previously presented) The system of claim 134, wherein performing an action comprises obtaining media from a local file server, a remote file server, a pre-recorded videotape, a television station or an audio station.

152. (Previously presented) The system of claim 134, wherein one or more media sub-group options are provided for each media group option.

153. (Previously presented) The system of claim 152, wherein each media sub-group option indicates the number of available media indicators that are associated with each media sub-group option.

154. (Previously presented) The system of claim 152, wherein the plurality of media sub-group options indicate presently available media by indicating the content, title, or source of the media.

155. (Previously presented) The system of claim 152, wherein the user equipment is further configured to display the media indicators in response to the user selecting a media sub-group option, and wherein the media

indicators are associated with the selected media sub-group option.

156. (Previously presented) The system of claim 152, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed according to user preferences.

157. (Previously presented) The system of claim 152, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed according to criteria defined by a remote service.

158. (Previously presented) The system of claim 152, wherein the media sub-group options are created dynamically.

159. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium for allowing a user of an interactive media guide to access media provided by a plurality of media sources, having machine program logic recorded thereon for:

providing one or more media group options, wherein the media group options indicate media available to the user without indicating any of the content of the media, without indicating the title of the media, [[or]] and without indicating the source of the media;

providing a plurality of media indicators in response to the user selecting a media group option, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media group option, wherein the plurality of media indicators identify media provided by at least one of the plurality of media sources, wherein the plurality of media indicators includes a first media indicator for scheduled

media and a second media indicator for unscheduled media, and wherein unscheduled media includes media that is not provided at a scheduled time and is available for viewing at a time selected by the user; and

performing an action associated with a media indicator in response to the user selecting a media indicator from the plurality of media indicators.

160. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 159, wherein the action comprises providing media that is identified by the selected media indicator in response to the user selecting the media indicator.

161. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 159, further comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

indicating the number of presently available media that are associated with a media group option.

162. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 159, wherein the media group options are defined by the user.

163. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 162, wherein the user-defined media group options comprise media indicators that meet user-defined criteria.

164. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 163, wherein the user-defined criteria is a user-defined search.

165. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 159, wherein the plurality of media group options comprise at least one of a recent favorites media group option, an old favorites media group option, a recommendations media group option, a browsing media group option, a special interest media group option, a categories media group option, or a preview scan media group option.

166. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 165, further comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

providing media indicators that are editorially recommended in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

167. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 165, further comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

providing promotional media indicators in response to the user selecting the recommendations media group option.

168. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 165, wherein the plurality of media indicators are associated with the browsing media group option and are presented in response to the user selecting the browsing media group option, further comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

displaying in a video window video content corresponding to the selected media indicator associated with the browsing media group option in response to the

user selecting a media indicator associated with the browsing media group option.

169. (Previously presented) The method of claim 168, wherein the video content is currently available media content.

170. (Previously presented) The method of claim 168, wherein the video content is a video clip.

171. (Previously presented) The method of claim 168, wherein the video content is a video trailer.

172. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 165, further comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

displaying a plurality of media sub-group options associated with the categories media group option in response to the user selecting the categories media group option; and

displaying the plurality of media indicators in response to the user selecting a media sub-group option, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media sub-group option.

173. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 172, further comprising indicating the number of media indicators that are associated with each of the plurality of media sub-group options.

174. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 172, wherein the media sub-group options

comprise a sports sub-group option, a popular shows sub-group option, a premiers sub-group option, and a group sub-group option.

175. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 165, further comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

displaying the plurality of media indicators in response to the user selecting the preview scan media group option, wherein the plurality of media indicators are associated with the preview scan media group option; and

displaying in a video window video content corresponding to a selected media indicator in response to the user selecting a media indicator associated with the preview scan media group option.

176. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 159, wherein performing an action comprises obtaining media from a local file server, a remote file server, a pre-recorded videotape, a television station or an audio station.

177. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 159, wherein one or more media sub-group options are provided for each media group option.

178. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 177, wherein each media sub-group option indicates the number of available media indicators that are associated with each media sub-group option.

179. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 177, wherein the plurality of media sub-group options indicate presently available media by indicating the content, title, or source of the media.

180. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 177, further comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

displaying the media indicators in response to the user selecting a media sub-group option, wherein the media indicators are associated with the selected media sub-group option.

181. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 177, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed according to user preferences.

182. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 177, wherein the media sub-group options are displayed according to criteria defined by a remote service.

183. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 177, wherein the media sub-group options are created dynamically.